MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

Reports in regard to expenditures and liabilities of persons called into the service of the United States in the Territory of Kansas.

JANUARY 13, 1857.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 22d ultimo, in relation to information with regard to expenditures and liabilities for persons called into the service of the United States in the Territory of Kansas, I transmit the accompanying report of the Secretary of War.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

Washington, January 12, 1857.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, January 10, 1857.

On the 24th ultimo the Secretary of State referred to this department a copy of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 22d of the same month, calling upon the President for certain information with regard to expenditures and liabilities for persons called into the service of the United States in the Territory of Kansas.

The reports of the quartermaster, paymaster, and adjutant generals, which I have the honor to submit herewith, contain all the information in this department at this date on the subject of the resolution.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JEFF'N DAVIS, Secretary of War.

The PRESIDENT.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, December 30, 1856.

SIR: I return herewith the rolls of Captains Wallis, Donaldson, and Walker's companies of Kansas militia, and, agreeably to your request, have to state that under the existing law for the payment of militia, (act of March 19, 1836,) the amount required for their payment would be \$7,848 76. But it appears that one company has been paid as cavalry, and if this is sanctioned it will require a further sum of \$260 to cover the payment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

BENJAMIN F. LARNED, Paymaster General.

Colonel S. Cooper, Adjutant General United States Army.

> ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, January 5, 1857.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions, and in answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 22d ultimo, so far as this office is concerned, I have the honor to report that muster rolls of but three companies of militia called into the service of the United States during the recent disturbances in Kansas Territory have been received at the department. The accompanying letter from the paymaster general gives the amount required for their payment.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, S. COOPER, Adjutant General.

Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS, Secretary of War.

> QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington City, January 9, 1857.

Sir: In obedience to your instructions, and in answer to so much of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 22d ultimo, asking information in relation to the affairs of Kansas as relates to this office, I have the honor to report that the accounts, thus far received at this office, show no expenditure of money for, nor issue of property to, the forces referred to in the resolution, though it is understood, unofficially, that property was furnished for the use of the Kansas volunteers in the fourth quarter of the last calendar year, the accounts for which quarter have not been received, and are not yet due.

I return the resolution, and have the honor to be, sir, your obedient

servant,

TH. S. JESUP, Quartermaster General.

Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS, Secretary of War, Washington City.